



July 28, 2009

Chairperson, I-JOBS Board of Directors  
c/o Joseph Jones, Director of Governmental Affairs  
Iowa Finance Authority  
2015 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50312

RE: Relocation of the North Wastewater Treatment Plant

Dear Mr. Jones,

On behalf of the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce, please accept my support for relocation of Iowa City's North Wastewater Treatment Station. This station is located in a floodplain and relocation of services to the existing South Treatment Station would ensure its integrity and service of essential wastewater treatment operations during future flood events.

During the massive flooding of 2008, Iowa City's North Wastewater treatment plant was inundated with flood waters from the Iowa River. This station treats effluent from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Veterans Hospital and University of Iowa protecting significant commercial and residential neighborhoods located downstream from this facility.

Iowa City citizens have stepped forward in support of this project by passing a local one cent sales tax for flood mitigation projects, but these funds alone are not enough. Your support is critical and greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Quellhorst". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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RE: Park Road Bridge Replacement and Dubuque Street Elevation Project; Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Jones:

I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the Park Road Bridge Replacement and Dubuque Street Elevation Project. This project is critically important to mitigate the impact of flooding on our primary arterial link to Interstate 80. This portion of Dubuque Street floods nearly every year and during major events is flooded for extended periods. In 2008 it was under water for 32 days and in 1993 it was submerged for nearly two months. This has a significant impact on the vitality of our downtown and the operations of the University of Iowa.

In addition to improving transportation, this project will diminish the impact of future floods by reducing backwater and providing the Corps of Engineers greater operational flexibility for the Coralville Reservoir.

The combined benefits of this project are significant and extend to two municipalities as well as county, state, and federal interests. The project was discussed during several public meetings including the Iowa City City Council and numerous service organizations. Additional local input will be solicited through workshops and public meetings.

The Park Road Bridge Replacement and Dubuque Street Elevation Project represents our community's highest flood mitigation priority. We look forward to working with state and federal partners to make it a reality.

Sincerely,

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